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SPECIFIC FOR HUMAN HLA-RESTRICTED TUMOR ANTIGENS

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

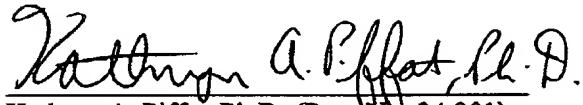
In response to the Office communication dated October 4, 2004, Applicants respond as follows.

Applicants respectfully disagree that a species election should be required in this case. For example, the Office has already conducted what should have been a comprehensive search in the parent case. Accordingly, the searching burden posed by the present case should be minimal. Any further searching that is needed would be substantially co-extensive with the prior search.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office previously issued an Election/Restriction Requirement on March 1, 2003. To comply with that previous Office requirement that

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Respectfully submitted,



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